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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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Applicant

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of — sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/00072

I. Basis of the report1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*}

the international application as originally filed.



the description:

pages 1-21 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims:

pages 22-25, as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings:

pages 1-9, as originally filed

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the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:



the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).



the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).



the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



contained in the international application in printed form.



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.



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The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.



4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONEthe claims, Nos. NONEthe drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).^{**}^{*} Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).^{**} Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International Application No.
PCT/US03/001**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-29	YES
	Claims 30-37	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 1-29	YES
	Claims 30-37	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-37	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 30-37 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Syage et al. Syage et al. teaches a method and apparatus for analysis of an analyte in a time of flight mass spectrometer where two separate ion sources produce two separate streams of ions, both of which are coupled in the time of flight mass spectrometer (Fig. 4).

Applicant's arguments regarding claims 1, 2, and 16 are found to be persuasive.

Applicants arguments regarding the outstanding objection to claim 30 are not persuasive. Applicant has request that the examiner specifically point out the purported deficiencies in Syage et al. The citation of Fig. 4 of Syage et al. and the elements therein, namely the two required ion sources (308 and 310) and their respective coupling to mass spectrometer 306 is sufficient to illustrate that Syage et al. teaches the subject matter of claim 30. Claims 31-37 depend from claim 30 and therefore lack novelty.

Claims 30-37 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Syage et al. Claims 31-37 require various ions source types as the ion sources of claim 30. The selection of ion source type would be a matter of preference to one of ordinary skill in the art as Syage et al. makes reference to various types of ion source such as glow discharge type ion sources and photoionization sources. It is therefore apparent that the selection of the type of ion source is at the discretion of the practitioner and not limited by the teaching of Syage et al.

Claims 1-29 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a mass spectrometer which couples two ion streams from two ion sources to a spectrometer detection system simultaneously as recited in claims 1-29.

Claims 1-37 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.